

DOINGS OF SOCIETY

SLIGHT REVIVAL OF CUSTOM OF OPEN HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Dancing the New Year In-A-Few Words About the Recent Briarbrooke Club Meet.

There has been a great deal of good sport in society the last week and a great deal to laugh about. The Briarbrooke Hunt Club meet furnishing both. The lampooner has had an opportunity that is infrequently afforded on a newspaper in a city the size of Indianapolis. And yet there is a side to the whole affair that has been hidden in the extensive newspaper comment on the chase. The fox chase was conceived in good faith, according to the prospectus of the young gentlemen who first proposed it. It was to furnish young people an opportunity to dash across the country horseback and have a jolly time, without suggestion of snobbishness, but when it came to the selection of a name the first port hole was opened to the lampooner, and he sent a swift shaft. "Briarbrooke" is a high-sounding name that means absolutely nothing in this country. There are neither briars nor brooks in all the land, reaching from Poughkeepsie to the end of the creek on the west. The beautiful names in Indiana are those that the red men left behind them, and had the club been desirous of something musical or something beautiful, it could have had a hundred names beside Briarbrooke, which is "deucedly English, you know." Why spell it with an "e."

Then some member dropped the information that pink coats would be worn by a few of the very well fox chasers. What a keen appeal to the sense of the ridiculous. A "master of hounds" and his "first whip" were elected. More Anglo-man. The word "hunt" was a misnomer, because the club was to hunt nothing, it was merely to follow dogs. After all, it wasn't a fox, but the skin of a dog, that was killed before the chase began. Society had a laugh over the affair, and most of the young men and women who rode after the hounds took the fun good-naturedly. They did not take it all in the light of ridicule; more in the spirit of the "poking fun" that is permissible at carnival time.

The club will give another chase soon, the two foxes having arrived the day after the recent meet, and it is quite probable that this second chase will be more successful than the first.

Indianapolis has had more of social gaiety this winter than at any corresponding period in her history, but there has been somewhat of a lack of novelty. It is extremely difficult to devise something new in the way of an entertainment for guests. Receptions and afternoon parties are pretty much alike, the same sort of food, the same sort of roses and flowers, the same sort of music and oftentimes the same folks.

In dancing the variety, or the novelty, is even as rare. The two-step, an extremely simple dance, allowing but little grace, has been made the worst sort of a fad, and it is seldom a program is made up without this dance filling half the numbers. At the Harvard party last week more than half the numbers were of the two-step, the remainder being made up of waltzes, with one or two lancers. The party had no end, however, to the novelty of decoration, and the ladies who had the event in charge displayed excellent taste in hanging the Harvard flag and the greens.

Afternoon parties, such as the Harvard, are pretty affairs. The young women show their beauty off to advantage, for the freshness of the day is still with them.

Another New Year's day is about to be ushered in. The custom of receiving on that day will be in vogue. There will be but few formal receptions, however, the accepted form being to be at home informally to any friend who would like to call. The old fashion of hanging a basket on the door for cards at houses where the ladies do not receive has gone out almost entirely. White envelopes have been scattered during the past week by those who will receive in a formal way. The gatherings will not be formal in character, but the invitations are privileged to make out a list of those whom she desires to invite and then cut out the many lists a single list is made, so that no person has more than one invitation for the party, the special hostess' name appearing with the others. Many of the clubs will have social reunions on that day and dances for the evening will be numerous. Dancing the old year out and the new year in will be followed, and the Maennerchor will give its usual play and tableau at midnight, saying good-bye to the year and welcoming the new. The Journal will publish Tuesday a list of the announcements sent in for New Year's receptions. Among those who will receive are the following:

Miss Edie Waldo, No. 547 Broadway, assisted by Miss Olive Purcell, will receive informally at 5 o'clock.

Miss Alice Lockwood will receive, informally, at her home, 139 North East street, assisted by the Misses Clara Oneal and Celia Barry, 3 o'clock.

At 437 Park avenue—Florence Ferguson, Rose McCauley, Lulu Kennedy, Mabel Cavender, Cad Stone, Emma Stone, Alice Munton, Marie Schuman, Laura Landis, Nettie Weber, Margaret Sale.

Miss Hattie, 114 Highland Place—From 3 to 5, assisted by Miss Jessie Norris, Gertrude Whitely, Nell Jenkins, Della Lett, Lizzie Scott, Estelle Smith, Grace Phelps, Daisy Dyer and Belle Brindley.

Capitol avenue, North—Marion Hastings, Mrs. Russell, Ethel Eckman, Katharine Ryan, Anna Kaylor, Frances Spencer, Lizzie Wisp, Carrie Goodrich of Ulica, N. Y. Informally, 3 to 5.

The T. E. L. Club, with Miss Stella Sullivan, No. 66 Broadway, assisted by Miss Ada E. Whitely, Miss Mary Hattie Goss, Miss Meek, Miss Mattie Myers, Miss Ira Schirscher, Miss Florence Meek, Miss Mary Langdon, Miss Angie Goss.

Miss Lizzie Dugan, No. 1023 Penn-sylvania street, assisted by Miss Kate Ward, Miss Lillian McLaughlin, Miss Mary Duffy, Miss Mary Bedell, Miss Margaret Bedell, Miss Emma Roberts, Miss Celia Naughton, Miss Anna Lockhart and Miss Adelaide O'Brien.

Capitol avenue, North—Misses Hollaway, 3 to 5, assisted by the Misses Pease, Miss Grace Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, of Noblesville, Miss Lowanna Taylor, Miss Minnie Smith, Miss Mary Kate Duffy, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Sadie Clark, Miss Sara Foster, Miss Susan Huber, Miss Bertha Rosh, Mrs. William Kershner.

Miss Eva Lee Pearson will receive informally Tuesday, from 4 to 10, for Miss Pickens and Miss Huey, assisted by Misses Nellie Kitchin, Miss Daphne, Rose Holmes, Susan Clipping, Preston, Gertrude Henry, Grace Stiles, Elsie Scholl, Helen McConkey, Isabel Nichols and Miss Thurber, of Chicago. Miss Pearson will not give a dance.

Miss Carrie Laughlin has issued invitations for a reception Jan. 1, from 3 to 5 o'clock, at her home, 139 North East street. Miss Laughlin will be assisted by Mrs. Alice Jenkins Baker, Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. Lillian McLaughlin, Mrs. Esther R. Bell, Miss Jeanette Hunt, Miss Hessel L. Emmerich, Miss Rea Hall and Miss Ella Keen.

Miss Lella Furnas and Miss Evelyn Morris have issued invitations for a reception Jan. 1, from 3 to 5 o'clock, at their home, No. 28 Central avenue. They will be assisted by Mrs. D. Lorraine Cowan, Miss Anna Wright, Misses Lucy, Flora, Lellie and Ada Hamilton, Misses Mary, Grace, Florence, Mrs. Charlotte Mesler, Miss Evelyn Vest, Miss Mary Morris and Miss Evelyn and Lillian Miller.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Horatio Cooey Newcomb for a reception, Jan. 1, from 6 to 9 o'clock. Mrs. Newcomb will be assisted by Mrs. Edna Newcomb, Mrs. Mrs. John J. Ketcham, Mrs. Mrs. DePree, Miss Ray, Miss Lucia

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Personal and Society.

Dr. J. O. Stillson arrived home yesterday from the East.

Mr. John D. Brosnan left yesterday for a trip to New York.

Mr. Harry Newman and Mr. Joseph Smith returned to Purdue Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Hartman is visiting Mrs. O. C. Pugh and other friends in Chicago.

Miss May Winsor has gone to Green-castle to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Leisher will be at home to her friends, Thursdays in January and February.

Miss Mary Zion, of Lebanon, is visiting her uncle, Mr. A. A. Zion, in the Marlowe flats.

The Deuce of Clubs Whist Club was entertained by Schuyler A. Haas Thursday evening.

The New Arlington Club will give its holiday dance at the Propylaea Wednesday evening.

Miss Flora Purvance, of Huntington, is the guest of Miss Anna Reinhard, on North Meridian street.

Miss Minnie Jones, of Covington, Ky., is visiting Mrs. David K. Parlow, No. 31 East 3d Main.

The Chapel Club will meet with Mrs. Dan Brosnan, No. 749 North Delaware street, Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mara Leora Pierson entertained a few of her young lady friends at her home on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elfreida Scholl will give a reception to-morrow afternoon in honor of Miss Thomas, of Cincinnati.

A number of young people gave a surprise party last evening to Miss Susan Chipman, at her home, on Home avenue.

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Miss Melle Colgan entertained a number of friends handsomely at dinner last evening, at her home, on Park avenue.

Miss Jennie Pate, of Edinburg, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. John Davidson, of No. 170 Davidson street.

Mr. and Mrs. Enrique C. Miller have issued cards for a dance to young people Thursday evening at the Propylaea.

Mr. and Mrs. Walstein F. Douthirt, of New York, are spending Sunday with their parents at the Occident hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bohannon, of Rushville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Navin, at No. 390 North Mississippi street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, of Eaton, O., are spending the holidays with C. L. Shells, No. 93 North Alabama street.

The marriage of Miss Ida Gertrude Gant and Mr. Elwyn S. Cornell will take place to-morrow noon at Roberts Park Church.

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